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YUEH-HAN RR SERVICE TO LESSEN EFFECT OF KMT BLOCKADE;
REPAIR OF BRIDGES CONTINUES IN SOUTH CHINA

RR RESUMES THROUGH SERVICE -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 3 Jan 50

Kuang-chow, 31 December -- A large amount of imported goods now in Kuang-chow is being prepared for transshipment to the Han-k'ou and Nan-ch'ing areas via the Yuch-Han Railroad which will resume through service on 1 January 1950. It is generally believed that the resumption of services on the Yuch-Han Ping-Han railroads will weaken the effectiveness of the Nationalist blockade and will force a change of tactics. Consequently, the Communists are likely to protect and guard these newly opened life lines against destruction by the Nationalist forces by all possible means.

KUANG-CHOU TO WU-CHANG IN 81 HOURS -- Wen-hui Pao, 3 Jan 50

Han-k'ou, 1 January -- The first through train on the Yueh-Han railroad, from Kuang-chow to Wu-ch'ang, since repairs were completed, arrived safely after an uneventful run accomplished in 80 hours, 55 minutes. With through service also restored on the P'ing-Han railroad (Pei-p'ing -- Han-k'ou), North China, Central China and South China are now again closely connected by fast service, with Wu-Han as an important transportation center.

From now on, there will be two express trains daily between Kuang-chou and Wu-ch'ang in both directions. These will carry sleeping cars and dining cars. The 3d-class fare is 58,550 yuan jen-min-p'iao; the 2d class fare is double this amount. The P'ing-Han railroad dispatched a through express train on 1 January from Han-k'ou to Pei-p'ing, on which the 3d class fare was 50,850 yuan jen-min-p'iao.

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